

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 13, 2015

PRESENT:

Marsha Berkbigler, Chair
Kitty Jung, Vice Chair
Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner
Bob Lucey, Commissioner

Nancy Parent, County Clerk
John Slaughter, County Manager
Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:00 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

15-0851 AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

Garth Elliott stated he attended the Nevada Association of Counties conference along with some of the Commissioners. He noted the County should be prepared for the potential economic growth. He mentioned how there was a lack of infrastructure when development was at its peak. He praised the citizens of Sparks for honoring their commitment to continue with the feral cat trap, neuter and manage program.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

Chad Quiggle said he was concerned with the way the County controlled flooding in the Heppner Subdivision in Lemmon Valley. He stated after the flash floods in 2013 the County's Roads Department dug a diversion ditch behind their homes resulting in the water not being properly drained. He mentioned the Roads Department informed the residents that it was the responsibility of the residents to ensure the water behind their homes was diverted to specific easements. He noted the ditches were not well maintained and the residents were still cleaning up months after the recent flash flooding. He felt the Roads Department had been dysfunctional since merging with the Community Services Department. He asked the Commissioners to look into the issue and to instruct the Roads Department to do a better job.

Victor Gomez submitted a handout which was placed on file with the Clerk. He mentioned a 2013 flood which resulted in the Roads Department cutting a ditch

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and installing a plug to divert water flowing down Matterhorn Boulevard. Since then, there were rain events that caused flooding in the Heppner Subdivision. He described the landscape around the subdivision and provided examples of areas where flood waters could be diverted. He noted residents did not have any flood problems until the plug was installed. He requested the Commissioners look into this issue.

Joan Meussner stated Lemmon Valley residents had suffered financial and physical hardship due to the damage caused by recent rain events. She mentioned homes on Oregon Boulevard were flooded due to the diversion of water runoff from Matterhorn Boulevard. She said residents did not have any flooding problems prior to the placement of the diversion. She requested the removal of the dam and asked the Commissioners to make the residents' flood concerns a priority.

Sam Dehne said the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority should not terminate their President and CEO, Christopher Baum. He said he would no longer complain about various issues.

Susan Robinson introduced herself as the Executive Director of the Northern Nevada Literacy Council (NNLC), a school for adult learners. She noted there were more than 381,000 Nevadans without a high school diploma and about 70,000 of those Nevadans were in Northern Nevada. She stated the school graduated a record number of graduates each year but there was more work to do as a community to encourage people to go back to school for their high school diplomas, to get trained, to become productive members in society, to go on to college, or to go into a trade. She mentioned the classes were free. She said the NNLC partnered with JOIN on a grant, received from Nevada Works, to provide low-income youths ages 18 to 24 the opportunity to obtain their diplomas at no cost. Together the NNLC and JOIN assisted low-income youths to obtain job training and placement. She thanked the Commissioners for supporting adult learning and literacy.

Reggie Willis stated he worked for JOIN. He gave a brief history on JOIN which was formally known as Job Opportunities in Nevada. He said JOIN worked on getting people into actual careers for a living wage. He noted JOIN partnered with the NNLC to create the Learn and Earn Program, which worked with low-income youths ages 18 to 24 to get them the occupational training and job skills needed to be successful in the workforce. He mentioned the objective of the program was to partner their clients with various businesses in the area for on-the-job training. The Learn and Earn Program would subsidize 75 percent of the client's salary for the first four weeks so the employer would not have to invest too much into the process. The hope was to keep the client employed for the next year or longer. There were currently 16 individuals in the program; however, the program had funding for 54 individuals. He added the program also partnered with the Truckee Meadows Community College, the University of Nevada, and other facilities in the area that provided some type of training. He stated if anyone knew of businesses hiring, to please contact him.

15-0852 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Commissioners'/Manager's announcements.

Commissioner Jung said she attended the Reno Works project press conference to announce the City of Reno's innovative program which assisted residents of the community assistance center to learn about conflict resolution and financial planning. The program also helped the residents obtain employment and learn other various skills. She mentioned she met Jason Collins, former National Basketball Association player, during a National Coming Out Day event. She said she was proud to stand up for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. She spoke of her upcoming meetings with the Western Nevada Development District, the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada, and the Tahoe Prosperity Center.

Commissioner Lucey spoke of his participation in the Project Medical Education Nevada at the University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM). The project took participants through a crash course of what it took to go through medical school. He mentioned the research department associated with the UNSOM worked with pharmacological companies across the Country to develop new drugs to combat muscular dystrophy, diabetes and various other diseases. He said he took his son to the Great May Center Pumpkin Walk at Rancho San Rafael Park which was attended by over 3,000 people. He acknowledged the Parks Department for the work they did to put on the event. He stated he was disappointed that he was unable to attend the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Fire Ops 101 course put on by the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD). He added there would be a community district forum for District 2 at the South Valleys Library to discuss any and all issues since there was not a Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) meeting in October.

Commissioner Hartung stated he attended the Veterans Memorial dinner and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office medal awards ceremony. He talked about his trip with the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) to San Francisco to attend the American Public Transportation Association meeting. He added the County and RTC were looking at modes of green transportation, such as rail service and electric buses, to transport people from the County to the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center. He mentioned he recently visited the Tesla site. He said he participated in the IAFF Fire Ops 101 course which simulated real life emergency scenarios. He requested to meet with Dave Solaro, Community Services Director, to discuss the storm water utility in Lemmon Valley. He spoke about the result of the flood management meeting where fees and the potential for residents to be taxed twice on storm water utilities were discussed, which could place a hardship on many families. He mentioned he asked staff to revisit the topic to determine how the County would deal with the various utilities in the region.

Commissioner Herman discussed the possible inclusion of the nine to ten parcels in the Monte Cristo Subdivision, which the County received through tax defaults, onto the tax rolls. She asked staff for clarification regarding the North Valleys' water and whether it was being used in other parts of the County. She said North Valleys' residents were dissatisfied with the recent changes to their CAB. She addressed the Lemmon Valley flood areas and asked staff for a definition of the status "completed". She stated

she would like to be involved in the meeting with Commissioner Hartung and Mr. Solaro. She closed by stating the Veteran led clean-up event in Stead was a success and the next cleanup event would be in Sun Valley.

Chair Berkbigler directed the County Manager to add an agenda item for a 10 minute business-to-business buy local campaign presentation by Jenifer Rose to the December agenda. She noted the contract between It's My Community Store (IMCS) and the County was coming up for renewal, but she was not certain if it would be an automatic renewal. She added if the contract came before the Commission, she wanted a discussion as to which departments were purchasing from IMCS. She stated the Northern Nevada Development Authority asked the County to host a meeting in December at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport. She said she supported Commissioner Hartung's questions on Lemmon Valley. She stated the County received a request from the Sparks Justice Court to place their third judge on the ballot, which needed to be quickly addressed due to the registration deadline, and she instructed staff to place it on an agenda. She concluded by stating she went to the Eldorado Great Italian Festival.

Commissioner Jung added she hoped Commissioner Hartung's meeting regarding Lemmon Valley would address how the Truckee River Flood Management Authority (TRFMA) could contribute. She noted the TRFMA collected an eight cents sales tax and she wanted a policy conversation about the tax. She suggested utilizing the funds collected from the tax to assist residents affected by flash flooding or for other issues.

John Slaughter, County Manager, mentioned he previously asked staff to give a presentation regarding the Lemmon Valley issues. He noted the current day's agenda required the need for a discussion on labor negotiations.

CONSENT ITEMS 5A THROUGH 5G2

- 15-0853 **5A** Cancel November 24, 2015 and December 22, 2015 County Commission meetings.
- 15-0854 **5B** Approve minutes of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners regular meeting of September 15, 2015 and the concurrent meeting of September 21, 2015.
- 15-0855 **5C** Authorize Washoe County Treasurer to auction all newly delinquent lands held in trust for a total amount not less than the amount of the taxes, costs, penalties and interest legally chargeable against the property with the exception of those parcels listed on Exhibit "A" and approve and execute the Resolution Authorizing the Washoe County Treasurer to Transfer to Other Governmental Entities, Real Property held in Trust Due to Property Tax Delinquencies and Other Matters Properly Related Thereto. Treasurer. (All Commission Districts.)

- 15-0856** **5D1** Approve an Agreement for Consulting Services between Washoe County and Carollo Engineers, Inc., commencing October 13, 2015 and ending July 31, 2016, to provide design engineering services for the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility Chemical Storage Building Rehabilitation Phase 1 Project [\$131,719]. (Commission District 2.)
- 15-0857** **5D2** Approve a State of Nevada Importer and Wholesale Dealer of Wine, Liquor and Beer License for Andrew Humphriss, dba A&J Distributors, LLC, and if approved, authorize each Commissioner to sign the State of Nevada License Application for Importer and Wholesale Dealer of Wine, Liquor, and Beer with direction for the County Clerk to attest the license application. (Commission District 2.)
- 15-0858** **5D3** Approve Change Order #1 for the Building A – West End Remodel and Mechanical Upgrades Project [\$28,113.55] for a total project cost of \$412,923.55. (Commission District 3.)
- 15-0859** **5D4** Adopt a Resolution Accepting Real Property for Use as a Public Street (A portion of Official Plat of Woodland Village Phase 18, Subdivision Tract Map No. 5087, Outpost Court and portion of Village Parkway), APN 556-581-30 (totaling 61,768 square feet), for use as a public street right-of-way; and if approved, direct the Clerk's Office to record the Resolution. (Commission District 5.)
- 15-0860** **5E1** Approve a 2015 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant passed through the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management [\$70,000; no match required] for a Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government project; [\$6,630] for non-county travel for attendance to Planning and Training events; and [\$2,780] in food purchases; retroactive from September 01, 2015 through August 31, 2017; and direct Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)
- 15-0861** **5E2** Approve a 2015 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant passed through the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management [\$99,979.45] for upgrades and sustainment to the existing Northern Nevada Radio Cache; retroactive from September 01, 2015 through August 31, 2017; and direct Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)
- 15-0862** **5E3** Approve a 2015 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant passed through the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management [\$100,000; no match required] for a Public Information/Public Warning project; retroactive

from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017; and direct Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)

- 15-0863** **5E4** Acknowledge Receipt of Annual Report from the Internal Audit Division for FY 2014-15. (All Commission Districts.)
- 15-0864** **5E5** Acknowledge Receipt of the Three-Year Schedule of Audits for Internal Audit Division. (All Commission Districts.)
- 15-0865** **5E6** Approve recommendation for Commission District Special Fund grant for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for Commission District 4 [not to exceed \$16,000]; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends grant expenditure to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District in support of purchasing a Chest Compression System for Station 17. (Commission Districts 4.)
- 15-0866** **5F1** Approve a sub grant award [\$44,973, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, FFY 2015, Project number 97067HL5, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Citizen Corps Program. Grant term is retroactive from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017. If approved, direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)
- 15-0867** **5F2** Approve a sub grant award [\$134,100, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, FFY 2015, Project number 97067HL5, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for Cyber Security. Grant term is retroactive from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017 and if approved, direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)
- 15-0868** **5F3** Approve Sheriff's Security Agreement between the Hayfed LLC dba Ultra 4 Racing event and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to provide two uniformed Deputy Sheriffs [costs to be reimbursed by Hayfed LLC] and other various functions for the period of September 4, 2015 to December 31, 2015 at the Wild West Motorsports Park. (Commission District 4.)
- 15-0869** **5G1** Accept a Sub-grant Award from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$3,960; no County match required] to purchase portable cribs and sheets retroactive from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; authorize the Department to execute the Sub-Grant Award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)

15-0870 **5G2** Accept a Sub-grant Award from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$99,500; no County match required] to support an adoption awareness campaign in collaboration with Wolf Pack Sports Properties, LLC retroactive to July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; authorize the Department to execute the Sub-Grant Award and direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst spoke on Agenda Item 5E.

Sam Dehne spoke about the importance of the Board meeting's public comment section. He was concerned about how the Commission voted to approve the Consent Agenda Items without discussion. He spoke in favor of Consent Agenda Item 5D2.

Commissioner Jung announced the County was receiving a grant from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services under Consent Agenda Item 5G2. She hoped the grant would help boost adoptions of children into safe and forever homes. She added she donated \$1,000 from her campaign fund to buy tickets for Veterans and military families to attend the University of Nevada's first home football game.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 5A through 5G2 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 5A through 5G2 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

BLOCK VOTE – AGENDA ITEMS 10, 11, 12, 13 AND 14

15-0871 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Recommendation to Award of Bid #2947-16 for Janitorial Services for Washoe County High Security Buildings to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Qual-Econ U.S.A., Inc, 1015 Telegraph Street, Suite C, Reno NV 89502, for sixteen (16) high security buildings in the amount of [\$58,067, per month] subject to possible price reductions as negotiated by the Contracts Services Supervisor; and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute a two (2) year agreement with one (1) single year renewal option [estimated annual value \$696,804 per year]. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be awarded and authorized.

15-0872 **AGENDA ITEM 11** Recommendation to approve a no-cost extension to the budget period to September 29, 2016 for a grant from the Federal Administration for Children and Families for the Permanency Innovations

Initiative (PII) Program to prevent long-term foster care and approve a professional services agreement with The Children's Cabinet, Inc. in the amount of [\$475,000] to provide case management services retroactive to September 30, 2015 through June 30, 2016; and direct Comptroller's Officer to make the appropriate budget adjustments. Social Services. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be approved and directed.

15-0873 **AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation to approve a request to initiate proceedings to amend the Washoe County Code (Chapter 100 – Buildings and Construction) for review of current building permit fees in association with the potential impacts of the proposed regional technology fee; and direct the County Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance, pursuant to Washoe County Code Section 2.030 and 2.040. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be approved and directed.

15-0874 **AGENDA ITEM 13** Discussion and possible direction to the County Clerk to cause notice to be published and posted of an application by NV Energy, doing business as Sierra Pacific Power Company, ("NV Energy") for a Franchise Agreement to provide electric service to portions of Washoe County and to set the date for a hearing on the application including any objections thereto for December 8, 2015. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 13 be directed.

15-0875 **AGENDA ITEM 14** Discussion and possible direction to the County Clerk to cause notice to be published and posted of an application by NV Energy, doing business as Sierra Pacific Power Company, ("NV Energy") for a Franchise Agreement to provide service and distribution of natural gas service to Washoe County and to set the date for a hearing on the application including any objections thereto for December 8, 2015. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be directed.

15-0876 **AGENDA ITEM 6** Appearance: Mike Kazmierski, Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) President and CEO. Presentation and discussion of end of the year activities and updates.

Mike Kazmierski, Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) President and CEO, stated the presentation was an annual update on what was happening at EDAWN. He conducted a PowerPoint presentation which was placed on file with the Clerk. He said the focus of EDAWN was jobs. EDAWN worked hard to attract, retain and grow through entrepreneurial development. A new strategic plan that became increasingly important was workforce development. He noted the success of their economic strategy depended on the community. He said the visits by prospective businesses to the region continued to be an important metric. He mentioned the number of visits averaged 10 per month. Due to the numbers, he believed the area was still attractive to companies. Each year the number of visits continued to grow.

Mr. Kazmierski thanked Commissioners Herman and Hartung for joining EDAWN on a visit to the Tesla site. He mentioned a Tesla briefing which talked about an expansion that could double the size of the facility. He noted the job numbers EDAWN focused on in the Economic Planning Impacts Committee (EPIC) report might be a bit too conservative. He discussed Switch's 6.4 million square foot data center which would be the largest data center building in the world. He noted Switch would bring thousands of technology workers to the region. He said Switch would have a co-location operation which meant various companies, who stored their data at Switch, would have their technology workers located in the facility. He mentioned the creation of Switch's Superloop which would increase connectivity within the region and continue to draw more data center activity.

Mr. Kazmierski described a fiscal year 2014 chart which indicated manufacturing as the primary type of company relocating to the area. He explained the advanced manufacturing companies coming into the region provided an average wage of \$60,000 to \$80,000 per year. The jobs were technology-laden since manual work had been outsourced overseas.

Mr. Kazmierski noted a 2014 Washoe County Projects chart reflected manufacturing as a large portion of the projects. The chart showed where the companies came from and if they brought their corporate headquarters to the region. He mentioned almost 95 percent of the jobs announced last year, not counting Tesla, landed in the County. He stated the chart also reflected that manufacturing dominated the list. He spoke of Grand Rounds, a technology company that connected doctors to second opinions for patients. He stated it was likely that less than a third of the jobs shown on the chart had been filled. He said 14 of the 18 companies EDAWN worked with this year announced their move to the County.

Mr. Kazmierski stated the companies listed on the Pending Announcements slide were completed deals which would provide 1,100 jobs. More than

half of those jobs would be in the County. He said much of the focus was on the business park at the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center; however, there were wonderful business parks within the County. He mentioned the Hot Prospects slide which listed undecided businesses EDAWN was working with.

Mr. Kazmierski mentioned the projected growth in the next five years would be around four to five percent. He discussed the components of EDAWN's Business Retention and Expansion Program. He said it was important to focus on the businesses already in the region by helping the companies connect with each other, assisting them with legislative issues, and helping them become more successful. It was an opportunity to tell companies here that they were important. He stated 83 percent of the companies EDAWN worked with were projecting growth. In many cases, these companies were already doing business with other companies EDAWN brought to the region.

Mr. Kazmierski described the Entrepreneurial Development Strategy which EDAWN was most proud of. He said this was one of the areas that had the greatest long-term impact. The strategy's effort focused on helping companies to be successful and to expand here. He mentioned the government did not know companies existed until they filed for an Employment Identification Number and became a business entity. He said a lot of the work was upfront and companies needed help getting to a point where they could become viable. He also mentioned EDAWN received two gold awards from the International Economic Developers Council due to their success. These were the first gold awards of any kind for economic development in Nevada. The entrepreneurial efforts in the region were taking off and the region would see more national recognition.

Mr. Kazmierski said the EPIC report was out and the reason for it was to address what growth could mean to the region. He stated there would be people against growth in the region. He noted four years ago when unemployment was above 14 percent and there was no real focus on industry, the region did nothing to spur the economy. He felt the direction the region was going in was exciting. He said one purpose of the EPIC report was to understand the growth so that the community could plan ahead. He mentioned he viewed the job numbers in the EPIC report as conservative. He stated the EPIC maps projected a lot of growth in the County. Due to the population increase, the County would likely see housing increases. He pointed out that many of the housing projects were outside the McCarran Boulevard loop; however, there were projects to construct apartments and condominiums within the loop.

Mr. Kazmierski stated EDAWN adjusted their strategic plan to focus more on workforce attraction and retention. He said the region was postured to become the advanced manufacturing hub of the West. He discussed community development which involved the improvement of air service, fiber connectivity, and planning for long-term industrial land needs.

Mr. Kazmierski concluded by stating EDAWN had private and public partnerships. It was an important relationship that brought the region together for

economic development. He said the more focus there was on regional cooperation, the easier and more successful the region would be. He thanked the Commissioners for their involvement and commended the County's staff for their support.

Commissioner Hartung thanked Mr. Kazmierski for arranging a tour of Switch. He mentioned Switch was turning the region into a data hub.

Commissioner Jung commended Mr. Kazmierski. She mentioned some of the biggest complaints were the fear of uncontrolled sprawl and developers not paying for the impact of the growth. She thought EDawn and the County needed to point to the EPIC study more often to address the complaints. She felt more research was needed so the County could better plan for the pending growth. She said Northern Nevada had a bad reputation for having a boom and bust economy that was not well managed, however, that had changed since the region had the ability to do a sophisticated analysis.

Commissioner Herman said she hoped Mr. Kazmierski could stay for Agenda Item 8 as she felt there could be a partnership with EDawn on the item.

Chair Berkbigler thanked Mr. Kazmierski for his time.

15-0877 **AGENDA ITEM 7** Appearance: Nick Tscheekar, Community Foundation of Western Nevada, Initiatives Director. Presentation on Reno Youth Network Services in Washoe County.

Nick Tscheekar and Camille Glanzmann stated they were with the Community Foundation of Western Nevada (CFWN) and were both currently serving in the AmeriCorps Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA) program. Mr. Tscheekar stated the focus of the presentation would be on their online resource guide RenoYouthNetwork.com, which was created to address the needs of youths who were homeless, aging out of the foster care system or runaways. The Washoe County School District's Children in Transition Program identified 3,550 students as being homeless during the 2014-2015 academic school year, which was an increase from 3,409 homeless students during the 2013-2014 academic year. The Children in Transition Program's definition of homeless youth followed the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act which defined a person as being homeless if they were lacking a stable nighttime environment. He said there was not enough evidence to estimate the number of unaccompanied young adults ages 18 to 24. The CFWN worked on getting these individuals connected to various service providers. He noted there was not a shortage of service providers; however, it was difficult to find out what services were available. He mentioned there were 210 different service providers throughout the County which were cataloged into an online resource guide.

Ms. Glanzmann conducted a presentation by navigating the RenoYouthNetwork.com website. She stated while the target audience did not know where the service providers were, they did have access to the internet. For that reason, Reno Youth Network was an online resource. Being online also allowed the CFWN the

ability to easily update information and to avoid having to print a resource guide every few months. She said the website was easy to use and the search ran on keywords. A user would enter their gender, age and need. The top search results were education, housing and food. The website would allow the user to view all of the service providers within their search listing the name, address, phone number, hours, type of service, and additional pertinent information. The providers would also have access to update their own information.

Mr. Tscheekar stated if anyone found themselves in the position to have to make a referral for a young person who was struggling, they could utilize the resource guide. He said there were service provider overlaps; however, the overlaps were beneficial as there may be a service provider geographically closer to the individual. He noted transportation and the lack of identification were major barriers for homeless youth. He mentioned trust was another major issue so it was important to ensure the information provided was accurate. If a person felt they were given bad information, they might be discouraged from getting the assistance they needed. He said the role of the CFWN was not to be a direct service provider, but to identify them and fill in the service gaps.

Commissioner Jung asked the presenters what VISTA was and whether they were paid for their work. Mr. Tscheekar replied it stood for Volunteers In Service To America. He explained VISTA was like the domestic Peace Corps. There were several thousand individuals volunteering in the VISTA program throughout the country. The individuals worked with non-profit or public agencies in different areas of work. The common theme was to work with the poverty population. He noted the design of the AmeriCorp VISTA program was to have participants working with poverty populations be compensated at poverty level wages, which was less than minimum wage. This allowed the participants to receive a full understanding of the population they served.

Commissioner Jung noted she wanted staff to be aware of the website, especially the social service workers and the County's Director of Human Services. She informed staff there needed to be a program for foster kids who aged out of the program or were dumped. She thought the foster parents should be held accountable. She said if foster parents received County funds, they had a social, moral and ethical responsibility to the children. She requested a staff report on the County's policies, best practice, and on how to better screen foster parents. She stated she did not want foster parents who dumped children, after they were no longer valuable to them, to receive more youths into their homes. She concluded by addressing the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) liaison by stating the number one issue for youths and seniors was the inadequate public transportation system.

Commissioner Hartung commended the presenters. He mentioned the Auxiliary of Assistance League of Reno-Sparks was working with the CFWN through the RTC to provide bus passes to the individuals the CFWN assisted. He noted the RTC was acutely aware of the transportation issues and was trying to help as much as possible.

Commissioner Lucey said the online resource guide was phenomenal. He stated the ability for youth to get access to this information was already difficult and making it readily available was tremendous. He offered his assistance to the CFWN. He closed by saying if society did not help their youth find a solution to their social problems, it would end up costing society more down the road.

Chair Berkbigler thanked the presenters for coming.

15-0878 **AGENDA ITEM 8** Appearance: Laura Granier, Davis Graham & Stubbs, LLP, Partner; Debra W. Struhsacker, Nevada Minerals Resource Alliance, Executive Director; Tori Sundheim, Nevada Association of Counties, Public Lands and Natural Resources Coordinator; Kevin Schiller, Washoe County Assistant County Manager. Presentation and possible action to support recent lawsuit filed to challenge land use restrictions in Nevada imposed by the Nevada portions of the BLM and USFS September 2015 Land Management Decisions Regarding Greater Sage Grouse Conservation, including authorizing Declaration of county official Identifying Specific Mischaracterization of Lands in Washoe County and Resulting Harm. (Requested by Commissioner Herman.)

Tori Sundheim, Public Lands and Natural Resources Coordinator for the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO), gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Greater Sage Grouse Management Plan Lawsuit, which was placed on file with the Clerk. She read the information on each slide.

Debra Struhsacker, Executive Director for the Nevada Mineral Resource Alliance, stated the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) land use management plans had tremendous potential to interfere with the County's master plan. She mentioned two parcels of land identified by the County for the development of a middle school and a veterans' cemetery. The parcels were no longer available to the County for acquisition as the BLM deemed them as having a sage grouse habitat; however, the County's Geographical Information System (GIS) mapping was unable to identify sage grouse habitat on the parcels. She said the County had no mechanism for obtaining parcels of federal land. She described two pie charts created by Applied Analysis on behalf of the Nevada Mining Association, which were placed on file with the Clerk. The pie charts displayed the economic and job contributions of various sectors to the mining industry, and the number of indirect statewide jobs. She said the County was an economic hub for professional and support services to the mining industry. The County had an array of companies and individuals which provided services ranging from engineering, environmental consulting, geology and legal counsel to the mining industry. She noted Elko County and Eureka County joined the lawsuit and she anticipated several other rural counties to join due to the adverse impacts of the BLM's plans to restrict land use.

Commissioner Lucey asked Ms. Struhsacker if the lithium mine Tesla would receive supplies from would be affected. Ms. Struhsacker said there was potential for that as the western lithium mine was partially located on land affected by BLM

planning. The lithium mine's claims could be invalidated and the lithium deposits could be placed at risk by the BLM's plans.

Commissioner Lucey said the County could see indirect jobs and economic development impacted by the overreach of the Federal Government. He supported the lawsuit by NACO.

Commissioner Lucey made a motion that Agenda Item 8 be supported by joining the lawsuit. Commissioner Hartung seconded the motion.

Commissioner Jung discussed with Ms. Struhsacker the potential involvement of the State's congressional delegation. Ms. Struhsacker stated the congressional delegation had not been contacted but they were aware of the litigation.

Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager, exhibited a BLM map identifying restricted areas within the County, which was placed on file with the Clerk.

Bill Whitney, Planning and Development Director, said there were conflicts between the BLM sage grouse habitat mapping and the sage grouse mapping the County completed with the State of Nevada Department of Wildlife. He described areas on the map shown by Mr. Schiller. The green colored areas on the map represented the BLM land and the sage grouse habitat. The sage grouse habitat was broken into primary and general areas. He mentioned the parcels the County wanted to acquire were taken off the potential disposal list due to the sage grouse habitat identified in the general areas. The County's data reflected no indication of sage grouse habitat on the lands it wanted to acquire from the BLM.

Commissioner Jung asked if the presenters had approached the Washoe County School District to be a co-signer in the lawsuit, and suggested the School District's and Veterans' needs for the lands would be an emotional argument for them. She stated she supported the lawsuit.

Commissioner Hartung said he was concerned with the BLM's actions regarding the disposal list.

Commissioner Herman thanked the presenters for their hard work.

Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel, said NACO had been in touch with counties all over the state to inquire about their interest in the litigation. He mentioned staff had information and data on the potential impact of the BLM's plan on the County's plans regarding development and land use; however, there was no direction from the Board for staff to provide the information supporting the claims and litigation. He stated the claims made by Elko County and Eureka County were extensive and they delved into the impacts to the industries and businesses in those counties. He noted if the County was to join the litigation, it needed to have standing by articulating the harm that could be

caused as a result of the BLM's action. He also noted articulating the harm could be an extensive process.

On the call for public comment, Jim Richards, Comstock Gold Prospectors Club President, thanked the Commissioners for approving the lawsuit. He also thanked NACO for initiating the lawsuit. He was concerned the BLM's plans could negatively impact citizens' recreational activities.

Commissioner Lucey asked if there needed to be discussion of the financial aspects of the litigation. Mr. Lipparelli replied there was no indication on Agenda Item 9 the County would be acting to authorize funding. He suggested it would be best to consider that during a future agenda item.

Chair Berkgigler stated it was interesting that the two parcels of land in question were no longer available through the BLM since Senator Harry Reid intended to transfer the land.

On the motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8 be supported by joining the lawsuit, and to authorize the County Manager and staff the time and resources necessary.

15-0879 **AGENDA ITEM 9** Department presentation by Washoe County Library Director Arnie Maurins highlighting Library services and programs. Library. (All Commission Districts.)

Arnie Maurins, Washoe County Library System Director, submitted a Washoe County Library System welcome brochure and he gave a PowerPoint presentation, which were placed on file with the Clerk. The presentation provided a brief background on the Library System; highlighted Nevada Revised Statute 379 which was the legislative authority for library service; addressed improving literacy in the contemporary sense of helping people navigate through the digital world; and explored the main themes of Connect, Gather and Explore. He mentioned the Library System worked with the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada in regards to training. He stated he and the Assistant Library Director would be retiring in January 2016. A video presentation regarding library activities and facts was played, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He thanked various members of his staff for their assistance with the video.

Commissioner Hartung suggested mailing a thank you card to the children who obtained library cards. He mentioned how excited he was as a child to receive mail addressed to him.

Commissioner Herman discussed expanding the Verdi library's operational times and the associated costs. Mr. Maurins stated he would provide those numbers to her.

Commissioner Lucey felt the term library was no longer current and suggested branding libraries as community development centers where youth could go to expand their skills. He said libraries provided many services for seniors and impoverished citizens. He commended the Library System for their work.

John Slaughter, County Manager, stated there would be a joint meeting with the Library Board at the next Board meeting.

15-0880 **AGENDA ITEM 16** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending the Washoe County Code at Chapter 110 (Development Code) within Article 306, Accessory Uses and Structures, at Section 110.306.10, Detached Accessory Structures, to clarify when a building permit is required for a cargo container; at Section 110.306.35, Outdoor Storage/Outdoor Display, for the definition of a commercial vehicle and for exceptions to commercial vehicle storage; within Article 310, Temporary Uses and Structures, at Section 110.310.35, Mobile Homes, Manufactured Homes, Travel Trailers, Commercial Coaches and Recreational Vehicles, to change the name of storage containers to cargo containers to match regulations within Article 306 and to refine regulations concerning temporary contractor or owner-builder portable containers; and, to update these sections within both Article 306 and Article 310 to reflect the current organization of the Community Services Department and the Health District's name. Recommendations include other matters properly relating thereto; and, if supported, set the public hearing for second reading and possible adoption of the Ordinance for October 27, 2015. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinance. There being no response, the hearing was closed.

Nancy Parent, County Clerk, read the title for Bill No. 1749.

Bill No. 1749 was introduced by Commissioner Hartung, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

15-0881 **AGENDA ITEM 17** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending the Washoe County Code at Chapter 110 (Development Code) at Article 422, Water and Sewer Resource Requirements, and at Article 706 as follows: To reflect changes required from the transfer of the water utility functions of the Washoe County Community Services Department to the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA); To delete Sections 110.422.30, Contracts for Water Rights and Water Facilities, 110.422.10, Water Resources, and 110.706.10, Southeast Truckee Meadows Specific Plan Impact Fee, in their entirety; To add a new Section 110.422.03,

Definitions; To amend Section 110.422.00, Purpose, for water and sanitary resource requirements for development; To clarify in Section 110.422.01, Exceptions, that the resource requirements do not apply to the Tahoe Planning Area, areas within the TMWA service area, and to Developments within a General Improvement District (GID) which is receiving water and sanitary sewer service from said GID; To clarify in Section 110.422.05, Applicability, where within the County the resource requirements apply; To amend Sections 110.422.15, Water Rights Satisfaction, for resource requirements and water rights dedication or relinquishment requirements outside of TMWA's service area; To remove administrative and service fee requirements from Section 110.422.20, Authority to Utilize Dedicated Water Rights and Collect Administrative Fees; To clarify in Section 110.422.25, Water Facilities, the procedures to offer for dedication and to operate water delivery facilities; and To update the Article with the current Community Services Department organization language and remove references to the Department of Water Resources, Utility Services Division. Recommendations include other matters properly relating thereto, and, if supported, set the public hearing for second reading and possible adoption of the Ordinance for October 27, 2015. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinance. There being no response, the hearing was closed.

Nancy Parent, County Clerk, read the title for Bill No. 1750.

Bill No. 1750 was introduced by Commissioner Lucey, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

15-0882 **AGENDA ITEM 18** Introduction and first reading of an Ordinance amending Washoe County Code Chapter 55 by repealing provisions containing metes and bounds descriptions of animal congested areas; by amending provisions related to reporting violations of animal statutes, restraining animals, licensing dogs, rabies vaccinations, "at large" domestic animals, impounded animals and quarantine; and by repealing, adding and revising various definitions. Set the public hearing for second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance on November 10, 2015. Animal Services. (All Commission Districts.)

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinance. There being no response, the hearing was closed.

Nancy Parent, County Clerk, read the title for Bill No. 1751.

Bill No. 1751 was introduced by Commissioner Lucey, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

15-0883 **AGENDA ITEM 19** Public Hearing for second reading and possible adoption of an ordinance amending the Washoe County Code (Chapter 60 – Fire Code) to adopt a new Section 5601.1.6 within the International Fire Code Chapter 56: Explosives, of Washoe County Code Chapter 60 containing provisions that amend the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code. Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District.

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinance. There being no response, the hearing was closed.

Nancy Parent, County Clerk, read the title for Ordinance No. 1566, Bill No. 1748.

Chair Berkbigler asked if the County was prohibiting the sale of exploding targets.

Charles Moore, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Chief, stated the exploding targets would be banned for retail sale.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, Chair Berkbigler ordered that Ordinance No.1566 , Bill No. 1748, be adopted, approved and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

15-0884 **AGENDA ITEM 15** Update on Commissioner Requests submitted during Washoe County Board of County Commissioners meetings between January 1, 2015 and October 1, 2015. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

Al Rogers, Management Services Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation titled Update on the Commissioner Request, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He stated staff had completed 141 of the 186 assignments the Commissioners requested year-to-date. He noted the assignment numbers were ongoing and continued to change as the Commissioners were able to continuously add requests. He mentioned the metrics on the chart were by District and the statuses were categorized. He said he was proud of staffs' work in terms of capturing the issues and following up with the various departments to obtain the information requested by the Commissioners. He stated this was staffs' model in terms of how they captured, processed, and reported back to the Commissioners. The reports would be provided on a biannual basis or at any time by request.

Commissioner Hartung said he wanted to see a place where each one of the Commissioners could look at the information on a dashboard. He noted there were

items identified as completed but should be labeled active. He stated he wanted the ability to look at the issues on an ongoing basis and to be able to follow up with staff.

Commissioner Herman mentioned she still had trouble with the word completed. She requested a meeting with Mr. Rogers to discuss some of the issues.

John Slaughter, County Manager, said the purpose of the update was to ensure staff captured the requests correctly and to ensure staff followed through on the requests. He stated it was a process that involved many individuals on a weekly basis.

Mr. Rogers clarified there were requested items labeled as completed but he acknowledged that the actual issue may be ongoing. He noted staff recognized the long-term issues and would work on ideas on how to capture the information for the Commissioners to clearly understand.

15-0885 AGENDA ITEM 22 Public Comment.

Ryan Gerchman stated he was here at the request of Commissioner Herman to provide a report on the Veteran led community cleanup in Stead. He said it was a success. The cleanup event attracted 90 volunteers. He noted a major accomplishment for him was to get the Sierra Nevada Job Corps (SNJC) to participate. He spoke of how the SNJC often received a bad reputation but the majority of the residents were great. There were 30 residents who participated. The volunteers collected 120 thirty gallon bags of trash; however, more work needed to be done. He mentioned he would continue to work with the County to conduct more cleanup events.

15-0886 AGENDA ITEM 23 Commissioners'/Manager's announcements.

Commissioner Lucey acknowledged Al Rogers, Management Services Director, and John Slaughter, County Manager, for wearing pink to support the Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He stated he attended the National Association of Counties (NACO) conference hosted by Clark County in Las Vegas with Commissioners Jung and Herman. He noted there was a presentation at the conference regarding the idea of a unified Nevada.

Chair Berkgigler said the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) relaunched their highway litter removal program. She thanked Commissioner Jung for requesting the NDOT presentation which encouraged the relaunch of the program.

15-0887 AGENDA ITEM 20 Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and/or Sierra Fire Protection District per NRS 288.220.

12:55 p.m. On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the meeting recess to a closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220.

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2:00 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, on motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, the meeting was adjourned.

MARSHA BERKBIGLER, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

NANCY PARENT, County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

*Minutes Prepared by:
Michael Siva, Deputy County Clerk*

Pending Board Approval